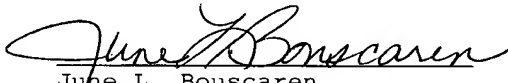


Remarks

Office Action dated January 16, 2004, objects to claims 1, 24 and 25 for formal matters and allows claims 2-23 and 26. In response, claims 1, 24, and 25 are amended to address the objection and claims 2-7, 10, and 14 are amended for clarity and to provide consistency with the claims amended to correct formal matters. Applicant acknowledges acceptance of the drawings as filed. Accordingly, claims 1-26 are now believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is solicited,

If any clarifications can be made by way of telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the Undersigned.

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